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1. [] Called Walt Rostow in Texas, in response to his call to the Director, and provided him with information on certain Agency congressional briefings relating to operations against the North Vietnamese during the spring and summer of 1964. Rostow said this was exactly the information he wanted and was most appreciative.

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2. [] CI Staff, and I met with Representative Paul Rogers (D., Fla.) in response to his inquiry to the Secretary of Defense regarding []

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However, we offered to look into the matter further and report back to him in the near future.

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3. [] Attended a meeting in the State Department to discuss how to handle Senator Symington's 7 July letter to the Secretary of State requesting details regarding agreements and arrangements with foreign governments for the exchange of classified intelligence. See Memo for Record for details.

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4. [] Mr. Wymberley DeR Coerr, Deputy to Ray Cline, INR, State Department, called to say he was preparing some views for the Department on the Cooper and Church bills and wanted to coordinate with us on the approach to be taken. We expect they will be placed on the agenda for LIG discussion, but it was agreed we would keep in touch as we prepare responses on these measures.

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5. [] Accompanied []/FE, to a meeting with Ed Braswell and John Woolsey, on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee. This was in response to Braswell's request for assistance in preparing "facts and figures on Laos" for the Chairman's background use in connection with Committee consideration of the Symington amendment no. 160 to the military procurement authorization bill ([]) Memo for 25X1 the Record).

Braswell provided us with a copy of a letter dated 13 July 1971 from the Chairman to Secretary Laird expressing dissatisfaction with information submitted to the Committee by DOD on the funding of activities of various operations in Laos. The letter also requests that the Secretary appear before the Committee "as early as practicable." It goes on to specify the precise information needed by the Committee.

Braswell also showed us a letter from Senator Symington to Chairman Stennis expressing his dissatisfaction with the amount of information available to the Senate on intelligence activities, specifically the conduct of "the secret war in Laos." The letter points out the desirability of establishing the same type of reporting procedures for CIA as are required of the Atomic Energy Commission in the AEC Act. It also recommends that a joint investigation into intelligence activities be conducted by the Senate Armed Services, Appropriations, and Foreign Relations Committees.

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6. [] Mr. Harold Wills, Locksmith to the House of Representatives, called and asked for our assistance in handling a safe problem. This was turned over to [] of Security, who will put someone in direct contact with Wills.

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7. [redacted] Talked to William Alberger, on the staff of Senator Robert Packwood (R., Ore.), in response to a constituent request from a [redacted] that had been referred to us by Marian Ball, USIA. [redacted] was concerned about reports of atrocities broadcast

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